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Number of PhD scholars under supervision:	Ten (10)
PhDs produced:	Ten (10)
Number of MPhil students under supervision:	Eight (8)
Number of MPhils produced:	Thirty Six (36)
Number of M.Sc. theses under supervision:	Five (5)
Number of M. Sc. Theses already supervised:	Forty One (41)

PAPERS PUBLISHED:

- 1- “In Search of Enlightenment: Śākyamuni’s Mahā-bhiniśkramana Represented in Gandhāra Sculpture”, *Journal of Asian Civilizations*, Vol. XXX, No. 1, 2007, Pp.17-48. (Y)
- 2- “Lord Buddha’s Descent from Heaven at Sankaśya”, *Journal of Asian Civilizations*, Vol. XXX, No. 1, 2007, Pp.98-109. (Y)
- 3- “The Battle for Enlightenment: Buddha’s Success against the Temptations and Assaults by Māra in Gandhāra Sculpture”, *Journal of Asian Civilizations*, Vol. XXX, No. 2, 2007, Pp. 44-70. (Y)
- 4- “Islamic Monuments in the Kohat Valley”, *Journal of Asian Civilizations*, Vol. XXX, No. 2, 2007, Pp. 91-106. (Y)
- 5- “Iconographic Symbolism of the Prodigious Birth of Buddha Śākyamuni”, *Pakistan Journal of History and Culture*, Vol. XXIX, No. 1, 2008, Pp. 155-173. (Y)
- 6- “An Archaeological Survey in Rawalpindi District: A Preliminary report”, *Journal of Asian Civilizations*, Vol. XXXII, No. 1, 2009, Pp.1-16. (Y)
- 7- “The Seven Steps of the New Born Bodhisattva Śākyamuni”, *Journal of Asian Civilizations*, Vol. XXXII, No. 1, 2009, Pp.25-38. (Y)
- 8- “The Power of Bodhi: Buddha’s Victory over the Malevolent Naga-s”, *Journal of Asian Civilizations*, Vol. 32, No. 2, 2009. Pp. 60-79.(Y)
- 9- “Prehistoric Rock Shelters and Caves in Capital Territory Islamabad and District Rawalpindi”, *Journal of Asian Civilizations*, Vol. 33, No. 1, 2010, pp. 52-60.(Y)
- 10- “Archaeological Survey and Documentation of Sites and Monuments in District Rawalpindi and Islamabad Capital Territory, *Journal of Asian Civilizations*, Vol. 33, No. 2, 2010 (Whole Issue). (Y)
- 11- “The Dream of Maya Related in the Text and Represented in Gandhara Sculpture” *Journal of Indian Society of Oriental Art*, (Commemorating 100 years of Indian Society of Oriental Art), Vol. XXVII, 2010, pp. 244-259.
- 12- “The Power of Bodhi: The Miraculous Mergence of the Four Begging Bowls by the Buddha Represented in Gandhara Sculpture”, *Pakistan Journal of History and Culture*, Vol. XXXI, No. 2, July-December 2010, Pp. 1-14.(Y)
- 13- ‘Persistence of Pre-Islamic Decorative Patterns in Swat: A Wooden Mosque from Shangla District”, *Journal of Asian Civilizations* (Special Issue) Vol. 34, No. 1, 2011, pp. 277-302. (Y)

- 14- “Gandhara Sculpture: The Problem of its Provenance and Chronology”. Proceedings of the International Workshop on the Gandharan Cultural Heritage, 1-3 December 2010. Published by the Taxila Institute of Asian Civilizations, Quaid-i-Azam University Islamabad, 2011. Pp. 157-172.
- 15- “Assassination Attempts on the Buddha as depicted in the Gandharan Reliefs”, *Journal of Asian Civilizations*, Islamabad. 2012. Vol. 35, No. 1, pp. 65-83. (Y)
- 16- “Archaeological Remains of Islamabad Capital Territory and Rawalpindi District”, *Journal of Asian Civilizations*, Islamabad. 2012. Vol. 35, No. 1, pp. 135-202. (Y)
- 17- “Gandhara Sculptures: The Appearance of Seven Treasures with the Birth of a Great Man (mahāpuruṣa)”, *Journal of Asian Civilizations*, Islamabad. 2012. Vol.35, No. 2, pp. 17-32. (Y)
- 18- “Divine Bath of the Newborn Bodhisattava Sakyamuni”, Title of the Book: Ratnasri: Gleanings from Indian Archaeology, art History and Indology: Papers presented in Memory of Dr. N R Banerji, Year of Pub: 2013
Publisher: Kaveri Books, 4832/24, Ansari Road, New Delhi – 110 002
- 19- “Gandhara Art: Historical and Religious Importance and Symbolism of the Elephant” *Journal of Asian Civilizations*, Islamabad. 2013. Vol. 36, No. 2. (Y)
- 20- “Excavation at Badalpur Monastery, District Haripur, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa: A Preliminary Report of Season 2013”, *Journal of Asian Civilizations*, Islamabad. 2014. Vol. 36, No. 2. (Y)
- 21- “Scanning Electron Microscopy in Archaeology: The Analysis of Unknown Specimen Recovered from District Shangla, Pakistan” *Journal of Asian Civilizations*, Islamabad. 2015. Vol. 38, No. 1. (X)
- 22- “Archaeology and Forensic Science: The Need for an Interdisciplinary Approach in Pakistan” *Pakistan Heritage*, Hazera University Mansehra. 2015. Vol. 7. (Z)
- 23- “The Traces of Gandhāra Art on the Wooden Doorframes and Columns of Altit Fort, Hunza, Pakistan” *Journal of Asian Civilizations*, Islamabad. 2015. Vol. 38, No. 2. (X)
- 24- “Gandhara Sculpture: Śrigupta’s Malevolent Invitation to Buddha for a Meal”, *Journal of Asian Civilizations*, Islamabad. 2016. Vol. 39, No. 1. (X)
- 25- “The Episode of Unsuccessful Attempt of Measuring the Gautama Buddha in Gandhara Sculpture: Socio-religious Background and Iconographic Symbolism”, *FWU Journal of Social Sciences*, summer 2017, Vol.11, No.1. (X)

PARTICIPATION AND PRESENTATION IN CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS:

Title of Conference/Seminar/ Workshop	Organizer	Location	Date	Sponsoring Agency
The Annual Conference on South Asia	Center for South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison	Madison, USA	October 2017	My paper was presented
History Conference	University of Peshawar	Peshawar	October 2017	History Society
Archaeology Conference	HEC, British Council, Punjab University	Lahore	September 2017	HEC
IICAS Conference	IICAS, Samarkand	Samarkand	September 2017	IICAS
International Conference on Asian History, Culture and Environment: Vernacular and Oriental Paradigms	IAHA	Islamabad	December 5-7, 2016	Self-sponsored
The Annual Conference on South Asia	Center for South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison	Madison, USA	October 20-23, 2016	Self-sponsored
International Conference on Recent Archaeological Discoveries in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and their Impact on the History of the Region	Directorate of Archaeology and Museums, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	Grand Ambassador Hotel Islamabad	13-15 May 2016	Directorate of Archaeology and Museums, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
National Conference 2015 Archaeology and Cultural Heritage of Pakistan	Directorate of Archaeology and Museums and University of Peshawar, KPK	Bara Gali Summer Campus, University of Peshawar	August 18-20, 2015	Directorate of Archaeology and Museums and University of Peshawar, KPK

Faculty Mentoring Workshop “Teaching Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Management”	American Institute of Pakistan Studies and Inter University Consortium for Promotion of Social Sciences	Ramada Hotel, Islamabad	February 2-6, 2015	American Institute of Pakistan Studies and Inter University Consortium for Promotion of Social Sciences
Faculty Mentoring Workshop “Teaching Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Management”	American Institute of Pakistan Studies and Inter University Consortium for Promotion of Social Sciences	Ramada Hotel, Islamabad	June, 2015	American Institute of Pakistan Studies and Inter University Consortium for Promotion of Social Sciences
Faculty Mentoring Workshop “Teaching Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Management”	American Institute of Pakistan Studies and Inter University Consortium for Promotion of Social Sciences	LUMS Lahore	August 11-17, 2015	American Institute of Pakistan Studies and Inter University Consortium for Promotion of Social Sciences
Annual Conference on South Asia	Center for South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison	Madison, USA	October 16 to 18, 2014	American Institute of Pakistan Studies
Recent Discoveries in Azad Jammu and Kashmir	Taxila Institute of Asian Civilizations (TIAC)	TIAC, QAU	December 30, 2013	HEC, Pakistan
International Forum on the Silk Road	Kazakh Government and UNESCO	Almaty	14 th - to 16 th October 2013	Kazakh Government
International Conference on Asian Art, Culture and Heritage	Center for Asian Studies, University of Kelaniya	Colombo, Sri Lanka	21 st -23 rd August 2013	Sri Lankan Government

International Conference on the Latest Archaeological Investigations in Pakistan	Institute of Archaeology and Social Anthropology University of Peshawar	Peshawar University, Peshawar, Pakistan	November 13-15, 2012	HEC
Buddhism in Pakistan and China	Singapore Buddhist Federation and Pakistan High Commission for Singapore	Singapore	Saturday, 15 September 2012	Singapore Buddhist Federation
Buddhism in Pakistan: Gandharan Iconography	Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS), National University of Singapore and Pakistan High Commission for Singapore	Singapore	Friday, 14 September 2012	Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore
International Conference on the Cultural Heritage of Pakistan and Adjacent Regions Title of the paper: "Persistence of Pre-Islamic Decorative Patterns in the Islamic Architecture of Swat"	American Institute of Pakistan Studies, Islamabad, Pakistan Embassy of the USA in Pakistan Department of Archaeology and Museums, Islamabad, Pakistan	Islamabad, Pakistan	January 5- 8, 2012.	American Institute of Pakistan Studies, Islamabad, Pakistan Embassy of the USA in Pakistan
International Conference of History on the Historiography of South Asia	Department of History, Quaid-i-Azam University Islamabad	Islamabad, Pakistan	28-30 October 2011	Hanns Seidel Foundation Germany Higher Education Commission Pakistan

Workshop on Cultural Heritage Management	Government of the USA, Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Madison and American Institute of Pakistan Studies Islamabad.	Washington DC and Madison, USA	July 13- August 12, 2011	USA Government
International Conference on Gandhara-The Cradle of Buddhist Civilization	Society of Asian Civilizations Islamabad Taxila Institute of Asian Civilizations, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad Abdul Wali Khan University, Mardan	Islamabad, Pakistan	19-20 March 2011	Society of Asian Civilizations Islamabad Taxila Institute of Asian Civilizations, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad Abdul Wali Khan University, Mardan
International Conference on Islamic Archaeology.	National Institute for Historical and Cultural Research	Islamabad, Pakistan	21-22 January, 2011	National Institute for Historical and Cultural Research, Quaid-i-Azam University. IRCICA (Research organ of the OIC)

International Workshop on Gandharan Cultural Heritage.	Taxila Institute of Asian Civilizations, Quaid-i-Azam University Islamabad	Islamabad, Pakistan	1-3 December 2010	Aachen Center for Documentation and Conservation, Germany. Gerda Henkel Foundation Germany Higher Education Commission Pakistan
International Conference on South Asian Archaeology.	European Association of South Asian Archaeology (EASAA)	Vienna, Austria	4-10 July 2010	EASAA
Seminar presentation	TIAC	QAU, Islamabad, Pakistan	April 30, 2010	TIAC
Seminar presentation	NIPS	QAU Islamabad, Pakistan	April 21, 2010	NIPS
Seminar presentation	NIHCR	QAU Islamabad	March 26, 2010	NIHCR
Participated in a debate with Thai Monks and delegates on PTV NEWS	PTV	PTV Studios Islamabad, Pakistan	March 24, 2010	PTV
Seminar presentation on the occasion of Thai delegation's visit to TIAC	TIAC	QAU Islamabad, Pakistan	March 24, 2010	QAU
A three days Retreat of the HEC recognized PhD Supervisors	HEC	HEC, H-8 Offices Islamabad, Pakistan	February 11 to 13, 2010	HEC
Editors workshop	NIHCR	QAU Islamabad, Pakistan	March 4, 2010	NIHCR
Workshop of the Editors of the HEC recognized journals	HEC	HEC offices Islamabad, Pakistan	2009	HEC

Seminar presentation	TIAC	QAU Islamabad, Pakistan	October, 2009	TIAC
Workshop on Effective Teaching and Research in Archaeology	University of Hazara and Higher Education Commission, Pakistan	University of Hazara, Mansehra, Pakistan	28-29 July 2009	Higher Education Commission, Pakistan
International Symposium on the latest Discoveries in Ancient Gandhara and other parts of Pakistan	Department of Archaeology, University of Peshawar	Peshawar University Summer Campus at Bara Gali, Hazara, Pakistan	2008	University of Peshawar and Higher Education Commission Pakistan
Workshop of the Editors of the HEC recognized journals	HEC	HEC offices Islamabad, Pakistan	2008	HEC

Research Projects (in progress)

Project Title	Principal/ Co-Principal Investigator	Amount	Sponsorin Agency	Duration
Book publication “Iconographic Symbolism of A worldly Mission: Some Selected Episodes from the Life of Buddha Siddhartha”	Principal Investigator	\$ 10,000/-	IICAS	July 2016- June 2017
Archaeological Explorations in Sai Valley, District Gilgit	Principal Investigator	Rs. 157,000	QAU	15 days, 2017

Research Projects (completed)

Project Title	Principal/ Co-Principal Investigator	Amount	Sponsoring Agency	Duration
Archaeological Explorations and Excavations in District Shangla, KPK	Principal Investigator	18,34000/-	NFCH	2 years July 2015-july 2017

Thematic Research Grant Programme Phase II: Documentation of the Endangered sites in KPK and Azad Kashmir	Co. PI and Senior Researcher	Rs. 34,33000/-	HEC	One (1) year
Archaeological Survey of District Rawalpindi and Capital Territory, Islamabad (Phase I)	Co-Principal Investigator	Rs.60,000.00/-	QAU	June 26 to July 20, 2009
Archaeological Survey of District Rawalpindi and Capital Territory, Islamabad (Phase II)	Co-Principal Investigator	Rs.200,000/-	QAU	Three (3) months
Documentation of the Cultural Heritage of Tehsil Puran, District Shangla	Principal Investigator	Rs. 2,23000/-	QAU	30 days
Documentation of the Cultural Heritage of District Shangla, KPK	Principal Investigator	Rs. 90,000	QAU	15 days
Documentation of the Cultural Heritage of District Shangla, KPK	Principal Investigator	Rs. 60,000	QAU	15 days
Archaeological Survey and Documentation in Tehsil Batkhela, District Malakand	Principal Investigator	Rs. 250, 800	QAU	30 days, 2016

Books (Edited)

S. No.	Title of the Book	Year of Publication
1-	Journal of Asian Civilizations (Editor Since 2007). (Vol. 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38 and 39 each vol. 2 issues)	Since 2007
2-	Sufi Traditions and New Departures, Recent Scholarship on Continuity and Change in South Asian Sufism. (Series Editor).	2008
3-	Archaeological Survey and Documentation of Sites and Monuments in District Rawalpindi and Islamabad Capital Territory. 2010. (A whole issue of the Journal of Asian Civilizations, of 200 pages, was dedicated to this work. I was not only one of the contributors but also Editor of it). The Journal is in 'Y' category of the HEC.	2010
4-	Proceedings of the International Workshop on Gandharan Cultural Heritage 1-3 December 2010. Islamabad 2011 (Editor).	2011
5-	Giuseppe Tucci-On Swat, Historical and Archaeological Notes (Edition Editor)	2013
6-	Threat to Cultural Heritage of Pakistan: Survey and Documentation of the Tangible and Intangible Heritage of Azad Jammu & Kashmir and Northern Areas of Pakistan	2016

Membership of Official/Administrative Bodies

- 1- Director, Taxila Institute of Asian Civilizations, QAU, Islamabad
- 2- Member Board of Studies, TIAC, QAU
- 3- Member Board of Studies, Archaeology, University of Peshawar
- 4- Member Board of Studies, Archaeology, University of Hazara
- 5- Member Board of faculty, Quaid-i-Azam University Islamabad
- 6- Member Academic Council, Quaid-i-Azam University Islamabad
- 7- Member Selection Board, NIHCR, Quaid-i-Azam University Islamabad
- 8- Member Board of Governors, Area Study Center for Middle East and Arab Countries, University of Baluchistan
- 9- Member, DTC, NIPS, Quaid-i-Azam University Islamabad
- 10- Examiner for PhD, MPhil and Master Scholars/students, University of Peshawar
- 11- Examiner for MPhil and Master Scholars/Students, University of Hazara
- 12- Coordinator for the MoU between Quaid-i-Azam University Islamabad and Ca' Foscari University Venice, Italy.
- 13- Publications In Charge, Taxila Institute of Asian Civilizations, QAU, Islamabad
- 14- Editor, Journal of Asian Civilizations, TIAC, QAU, Islamabad
- 15- Member Board of Studies, Department of Archaeology, Baluchistan University
- 16- Member Academic Council, International Institute of Central Asian Studies, Samarkand, Uzbekistan